

AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (canceled)
2. (previously presented) The method according to 13, wherein the supraregional communication link is a mobile communication network.
3. (canceled)
4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the short-range communication link is a short-range radio link.
5. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the identification code comprises a code for a particular use issued for a limited area or time.
6. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the short-range communication link is activated by the user.
7. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the non-contact short-range communication link is accomplished by optical means.
8. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein said identification code is transmitted by the mobile telecommunication unit upon activation by the user.
9. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein in the computer system of the vendor data-transfer, availability-checking, reservation and allocation or assignment processes are performed.
10. (previously presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the computer system of the vendor is equipped with data telecommunications interfaces as

well as systems for inquiry analysis, availability checking, the generation and transmission of offers, identification acceptance and storage, communication with identification verification and/or access authorization systems and point-of-sale management units.

11. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the method is employed by the user for reserving parking space in park garage systems and obtaining access to the parking space reserved by the user.

12. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, further comprising automatically generating an accounting statement including the identification code and information related to use of the method.

13. (currently amended) A method for automated handling of availability-checking, reservation and allocation processes in relationship to localized products or services, the method comprising:

- a) using a mobile telecommunication unit carried by a user, the mobile telecommunication unit provided with a user-specific identification code;
- b) the user making a selection of a product or a service provided by a vendor;
- c) establishing a supraregional communication link between the user and the vendor by use of said mobile telecommunication unit of the user;
- d) transmitting said selection and said identification code to the vendor via said supraregional communication link;
- e) processing said selection and said identification code at the vendor, wherein processing comprises:

- e1) reserving, based on said selection, the product or service as a reservation;
- e2) assigning and storing said identification code to said reservation of step e1);
- e3) feeding and saving said reservation of the step e1) and said identification code assigned to said reservation of the step e2) to a local access control system that controls access to the product or

service and comprises an identification verification system;

- f) retrieving said user-specific identification code by said identification verification system from the mobile telecommunication unit via a non-contact short-range communication link when the mobile telecommunication unit enters a predetermined physical short-range communication area of said identification verification system;
- g) checking said identification code retrieved by said identification verification system from the mobile telecommunication unit against said identification code assigned to said reservation;
- h) granting the user access to the product or service of said reservation when said identification code retrieved by said identification verification system from the mobile telecommunication unit matches said identification code assigned to said reservation.

14. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein said user-specific identification code is selected from a mobile phone ID, a telephone number, a serial number of the mobile telecommunication unit, or a device-identifying number of the mobile telecommunication unit.